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SUBJ: F-104 REPLACEMENT--NETHERLANDS TV PROGRAM

REF: THE HAGUE 5948

1. A 25-MINUTE TELEVISION PROGRAM FEATURING SELECTED FILM STRIPS OF ALL CONTENDERS FOR STARFIGHTER REPLACEMENT WAS AIRED 15 DEC AT 2045 HOURS. PROGRAM WAS A FORTHRIGHT AND ACCURATE PUBLIC PORTRAYAL OF THE CONTENDERS. THE PROGRAM WAS BASICALLY VOID OF TECHNICAL COMPARISONS. IF ANY BIAS COULD BE DETECTED ONE WOULD PLACE THE BIAS IN FAVOR OF THE YF-16 AND YF-17.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM WERE A BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH LT. GENERAL STOKLA, AND A SHORT COMMENT FROM TOM UNCLASSIFIED

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BRADEN, A US JOURNALIST WHOSE TAPED STATEMENT FILMED

OUTSIDE DEPT OF STATE. BRADEN'S COMMENTS WERE IN A BANTERING AND IRONIC MANNER AS COMPARED TO GEN STOKLA'S MORE SERIOUS REMARKS ABOUT A VITAL EUROPEAN ISSUE. A WEAK POINT IN THE PROGRAM WAS BRADEN'S ATTEMPT AT LEVITY WHEN HE REMARKED THAT A CURRENT JOKE MAKING THE ROUNDS OF THE PENTAGON GOES, "THE FRENCH HAVEN'T EVEN GOT AN AIRPLANE; ITS A MIRAGE."

3. AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM WILL BE FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.
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